

-I want to state my strong opposition to RM-10787, the petition to remove the Element 1 (CW test) for Amateur Radio. Amateur Radio is not just a hobby. It is a service to the country, especially now in the Post Sept 11 world. As such, amateur radio operators need self-discipline, which is provided by acquiring cw skills. It is noted in the history of the United States that amateur radio operators greatly helped with winning WW1. To wit, at the end of the First World War, the US Secretary of Commerce stated: "The officers in charge of the wireless operations of our armies in France commend highly the skill, ingenuity and versatility of the licensed amateur radio operators who volunteered in large numbers for military service and served in dangerous and responsible positions."

Of course, all these were wireless Morse operators, using either Spark or cw.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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